

Recreation/Entertainment Sub-Committee

ISSUE: Access to a variety of recreational and entertainment opportunities for children, and families for all ages in Greater Wythe
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GOAL 1: Improve the use of existing facilities and create opportunities to combine uses and facilities.

GOAL 2: Promote ongoing community involvement to support area recreational activities and programs.

GOAL 3: Develop activities that promote unity and positive race relations and that create opportunities for cultural interaction.

Goal 1 Update:

Strategy 1

Board of Hart McAlister has agreed to allow the Boys and Girls Club to assume ownership of the Hart McAlister facility. The Boys and Girls Club will then operate its programs out of the Hart McAlister site, which will serve as a recreational center for the community.

Logistical issues are still being finalized.

The Boys and Girls Club representatives have signed the deed and the City is completing the transaction.

The Public Works Department and Redevelopment and Housing Department have done an outstanding job completing the work leftover from AmeriCorp.

The Boys and Girls Club plan to open the Hart McAlister Center in June 2001 in time for its summer programs. Applicants may sign up for the summer program at Wythe Elementary and at the Hart McAlister Center.

Goal 2 Update:

Strategy 2

The Superintendent of The Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind welcomes a community partnership that provides ongoing support for recreation and entertainment activities.

The use of the schools gymnasium, weight room, cafeteria, athletic fields, telecommunication center and Theatre (under future construction) can be available through a use agreement.

Goal 3 Update:

Strategy 1

The Sub-Committee has reviewed the land use map and identified possible small and large parcel of land to be considered for community gardens. We would like to survey community interests, so that sufficient and convenient locations can be prepared. Please sign up indicating your interest level, address, and phone number.

The subcommittee proposes that The Greater Wythe Community, sponsor and support community based projects and activities, starting with Clean the Bay Day, June 2nd from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Please sign up now or call Mary Ann Jones at 722-3575.